



## After Dark

Comes Heat, Comes Also News  
Of Summer at the Shoreham

By HARRY MacARTHUR

It was the sort of a day to remind a man that summer really is imminent. Suddenly the heat was on and gone was the need to urge the janitor to spare not the landlord's coal. It was a day to make a man muse upon the delights of something long and frosted served out in the open air. Maybe on the Shoreham Terrace, say. There is perhaps the town's No. 1 picnic grounds. It's ideally located, on Rock Creek Park.

where some of the best picknicking is done around here. It's designed for picknicking in style, too, with swift (well, more or less) servants bearing food and drink, with pleasant music, with no ants and no burning embers in the hot dogs.

Well, the Shoreham's people are looking toward the summer, too, and are busy with a number of various chores. One of the things going on right now is the installation of a new fountain with colored lights.

which will be rigged to stage a continual show for Terrace diners and is promised as something "spectacular." Another thing going on is the construction of a roof on the Veranda, which will open for cocktail dancing as soon as this is done, possibly May 21.

The Terrace's opening date still is a bit tentative, but it probably will be May 27 at the dinner hour. It probably will be Barnee back on the Terrace bandstand again, too, since there's no need to keep the Blue Room open as insurance against rain now.

The new banquet room under the Palladian Room opens onto the Terrace and at the first hint of a thunder shower outdoor activity can stroll casually indoors. Barnee and orchestra can about face, and life can go on.

While it goes on there, outdoors or in, it also will be going on in the Palladian Room upstairs. Tea and supper dancing will continue there, presumably with Sande Williams' slick music. The south end of this room becomes still another of the Shoreham's outdoor rendezvous, too, simply by sliding down a glass curtain to cut it off and then opening all the windows. And if you're still not happy with all the Shoreham is doing to make life more bearable, there's television in that cocktail lounge across from the Blue Room.

After finding out all about the Shoreham, it turned out to be a day when a man could only wonder about other all-fresco After Dark playgrounds for elders. What of the Starlight Roof of the Roger Smith Hotel? There for years has been another of the town's popular summer haunts, even long enough under its present name that old timers around here finally are breaking the habit of referring to it as the Powhatan Roof. Well, the Roger Smith's management seems to be out every time an inquiring phone call is made. The only guarantee that can be made is that the Starlight Roof will open and that there usually is a cool breeze avail-

able up there. Who will be making the music and the date set for the opening still are secrets from us, to date.

What of the Washington Hotel Roof, too? That remains the favorite relaxing spot of many a Washingtonian. Even right out there in plain sight, it somehow retains some of the qualities of a hideaway, and both the view and the comfort it provides are impeccable. But news of the Washington is locked behind what must be the busiest telephone switchboard in town. A man can spend an afternoon dialling a telephone number, but after a certain number of busy signals he just gives up. Believe us, we want you to know about the Washington Roof and if we ever do hear anything about it, we'll pass the word along.

The Showbill: Mario and Florio, who rank among the more entertaining of the ballroom dance teams, arrived last night at the Shoreham Blue Room. Gene Archer, who probably is this town's best-known baritone, is back there again on the bill with them. Also arriving last night was Earl Wrightson, he at the Mayflower Lounge. Mr. Wrightson has made concert tours, sung in opera and in musical comedy; you probably will remember him as the singing

star of CBS's Sunday evening "Family Hour."

Lively is the word for the new entertainment at the Lotus. The liveliest parts of it are contributed by the four girls and two men billed as the Richard Adair dancers, whose routines verge on the athletic and are skilfully done. Also there are some sprightly xylophone music (including the "Sabre Dance") by Val Eddy, songs by Buddy Shaner and dances by Winton and Diane. No complaints about any of it.

That was no mere citation given WTOP's Eddie Gallaher up at the Club Ball Friday night. According to a report we have right here on the desk, they put a gold crown on the man, nominating him the king

of the Capital's disc jockeys for 1948. Crowned Ben Webster, too, as king of jazz saxophonists for 1948.

Citizens Plan New Council  
The Shepherd Park Citizens' Association has invited representatives

of Northwest area citizens groups to meet at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow to consider formation of a North Washington Council. The meeting will be at No. 6 Police Precinct Station, Nicholson street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets N.W.

FWA Guard Bill Passed  
The Senate yesterday passed with amendments and sent back to the House, a bill to give police authority to uniformed guards of the Federal Works Agency.

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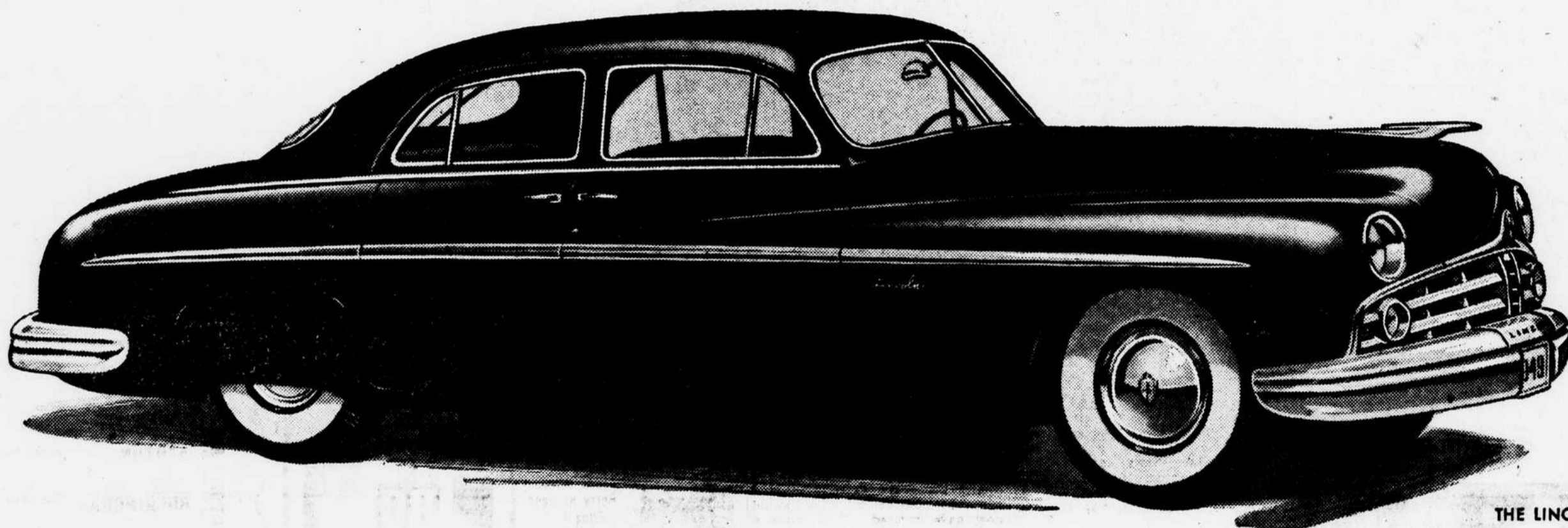
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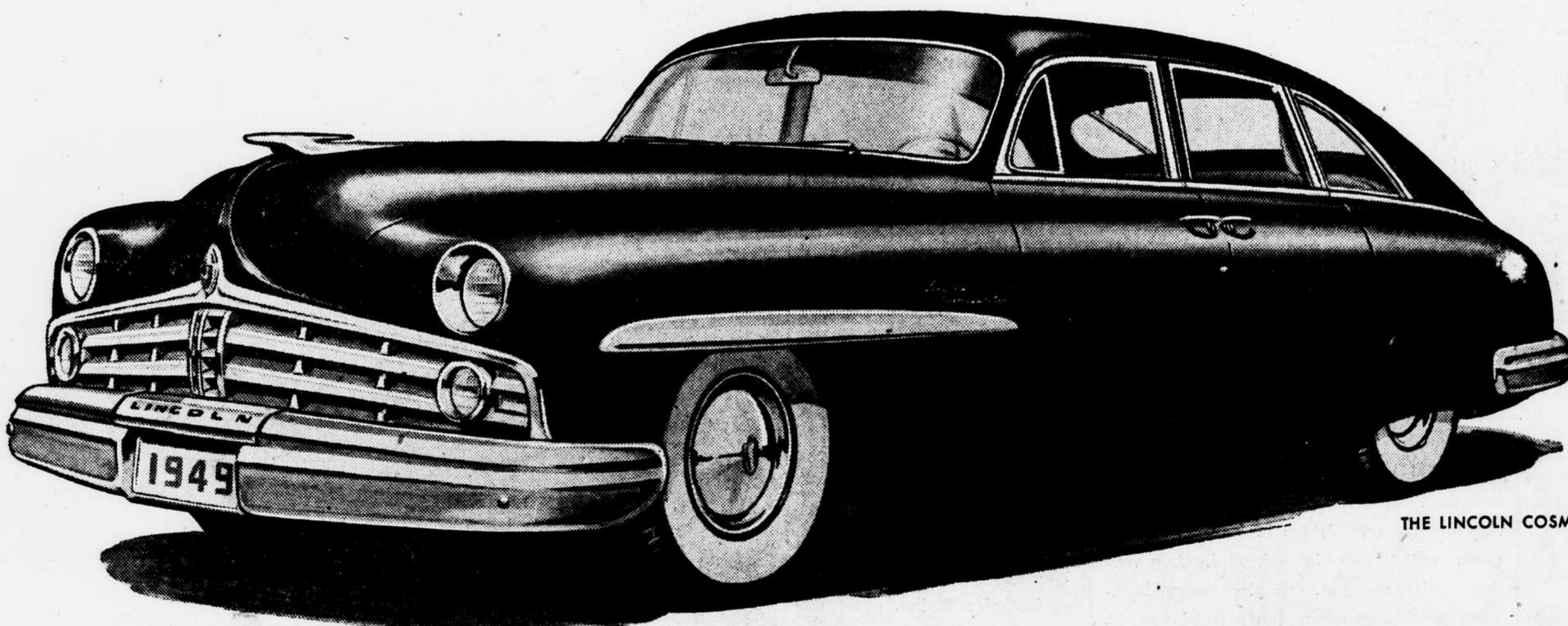
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